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DELAY IN IMPLEMENTATION OF POWER PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether implementation of many of the power projects in the country is getting delayed;

(b) if so, the details of the estimated cost, generation capacity and the stage-wise completion, cost-overrun as a result of the delay in implementation of each of the projects;

(c) whether the Government has taken any steps for the early commissioning of all the ongoing and new power projects;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a) to (e) The project-wise cost overrun in respect of thermal and hydro power generation projects are enclosed at Annex-I and Annex-II respectively.

Several steps have been taken by the Government to speed up the commissioning of power projects in a timely manner to prevent cost escalation and meet shortage of power. These, inter alia, include constitution of a Task Force on Hydro Project Development to look into all issues relating to development of hydropower including issues of rehabilitation and resettlement of project affected persons, constitution of an Inter-Ministerial Group (IMG) to evolve a suitable framework to guide and accelerate the development of hydropower in the North-East, setting up of a Power Project Monitoring Panel by the Ministry of Power to independently follow up and monitor the progress of the hydro/thermal projects to ensure that projects are executed in time and setting up of an Advisory Group under the Chairmanship of Hon`ble Minister of State for Power (Independent Charge) to discuss and deliberate periodically issues pertaining to the Power Sector and suggest reform in different areas related to the sector.